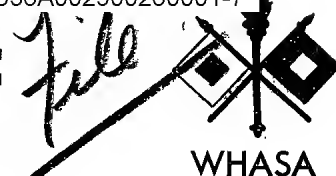


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1. CYPRUS: (Information as of 0800 EDT)

A. TEMPER AND EMOTIONS ARE AT CRITICAL LEVELS IN GREECE AND TURKEY, AND A POWDER KEG SITUATION EXISTS ON CYPRUS AS A RESULT OF THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE PAST 24 HOURS.

B. MAKARIOS HAS ASKED THE USSR TO INTERVENE TO STOP A TURKISH INVASION.

C. WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING YET OF A SOVIET RESPONSE. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT MOSCOW IS UNLIKELY TO DO ANYTHING MORE THAN TRY TO GET WHAT PROPAGANDA BENEFIT IT CAN OUT OF THE SITUATION.

D. WASHINGTON IS BEING FLOODED WITH A GREAT VOLUME OF CONTRADICTORY [REDACTED] INFORMATION FROM PRESS, GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT, AND OFFICIAL US SOURCES CONCERNING THE EXTENT OF ACTUAL FIGHTING IN THE KOKKINA-MANSOURA AREA, TURKISH TROOP MOVEMENTS AND LANDINGS IN CYPRUS, AND THE TURKISH AIR STRIKES.

E. MAKARIOS CLAIMED THE TURKS WERE TRYING TO LAND TROOPS IN THE KOKKINA-MANSOURA AREA. TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER ERKIN TOLD AMBASSADOR HARE THIS MORNING THE CHARGE WAS A LIE. HE SAYS ONLY A FEW TURKISH DESTROYERS ARE PATROLLING OFF SHORE, WITH NO PLANS FOR LANDING TROOPS. THE BULK OF THE EVIDENCE AVAILABLE SUPPORTS ERKIN'S POSITION, NOT MAKARIOS' CLAIM.

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H. NEW TURKISH AIR STRIKES ON CYPRUS APPARENTLY TOOK PLACE THIS MORNING. AT LEAST FOUR AIRCRAFT WERE REPORTED INVOLVED IN THE STRIKE.

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I. THE SITUATION IN THE KOKKINA-MANSOURA AREA IS OBSCURE.

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J. ON THE OTHER HAND, BELCHER WAS TOLD THIS MORNING BY THE CYPRIOT FOREIGN MINISTER THAT NO SUCH ATTACK WAS IN PROGRESS. THE CYPRIOT SAID HE WAS ABOUT TO MEET WITH MAKARIOS TO "EXAMINE" THE QUESTION OF A CEASEFIRE. BELCHER SAYS THAT INFORMATION FROM UN SOURCES SUPPORTS THE CLAIM THAT NO LARGE-SCALE GREEK CYPRIOT ATTACKS ARE UNDER WAY.

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K. LATER, THE GOVERNMENT TOLD BELCHER THAT IF THE TURKISH AIR ATTACKS DO NOT STOP THIS MORNING, GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL BEGIN ATTACKING TURKISH VILLAGES ELSEWHERE ON THE ISLAND.

L. REUTERS REPORTS THIS MORNING THAT GRIVAS HAS BEEN "URGENTLY" SUMMONED TO ATHENS TO SEE PAPANDREOU.

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2. NORTH VIETNAM - LAOS - COMMUNIST CHINA:

A. THE SITUATION REMAINS GENERALLY CALM. NO IMPORTANT MILITARY MOVEMENTS OF ANY SORT HAVE BEEN NOTED DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS IN EITHER CHINA OR NORTH VIETNAM.

B. THE SPEECH BY NORTH VIETNAMESE DEFENSE MINISTER GIAP ON 8 AUGUST AND A CHINESE PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL OF 9 AUGUST SUGGESTS THAT HANOI AND PEIPING INTEND TO CONCENTRATE ON POLITICAL MANEUVER FOR THE PRESENT. BOTH EMPHASIZE THE GROWTH OF "INTERNATIONAL INDIGNATION" AGAINST THE US.

C. THE CHINESE MAY BE TRYING TO WORK OUT A NEW DIPLOMATIC GAMBIT TO BRING PRESSURE ON THE US.

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